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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Appellant's ongoing duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, we are providing this Communication to update information set forth in Section II -- "Related Appeals, Interferences, and Judicial Proceedings" of the Amended Appeal Brief, which was filed on November 3, 2006.

On September 29, 2006, Schering Corporation filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, alleging infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,100,274, by the following defendants: Zydus Pharmaceuticals, USA, Inc.; Sandoz, Inc.; Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Orgenus Pharma, Inc.; Orchid Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.; L. Perrigo Co.; Perrigo Co.; Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Inc., USA; Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.; GeoPharma, Inc.; Belcher Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Lupin, Ltd.; Ranbaxy, Inc.; Ranbaxy Laboratories, Ltd.; Dr.

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Reddy's Laboratories, Inc.; Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Ltd.; Caraco Pharmaceuticals Laboratories, Ltd.; Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.; Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; and Watson Laboratories, Inc. Schering Corporation v. Zydus Pharmaceuticals, USA, Inc., et al., U.S.D.C. D.N.J., Case No. 3:06-cv-04715-MLC-TJB, filed September 29, 2006. In addition, Schering Corporation alleged infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,979,463 by Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc. and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Ltd. The District Court has signed Consent Judgments and Orders dismissing the Zydus and Ranbaxy defendants from the case.

On October 5, 2006, Schering Corporation filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division, alleging infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,100,274 by GeoPharma, Inc., and Belcher Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Schering Corporation v. GeoPharma, Inc. and Belcher Pharmaceuticals, Inc., U.S.D.C. D.Fl., Case No. 8:06-cv-01843-SCB-EAJ, filed October 5, 2006.

On October 5, 2006, Schering Corporation filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, alleging infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,100,274 by Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Ltd., and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. Schering Corporation v. Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Ltd., and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. U.S.D.C. E.D.Michigan, Case No. 2:06-cv-14385, filed October 5, 2006.

On October 19, 2007, Schering Corporation filed an additional complaint in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, alleging infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,100,274 by Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc. and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Ltd. Schering Corporation v. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc. and Dr. Reddy's

Laboratories, Inc., U.S.D.C. D.N.J., Case No. 3:07-cv-05038-MLC-TJB, filed October 19, 2007. On October 19, 2007, Schering Corporation also filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, alleging infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,100,274 and 6,709,676 by Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc. and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Ltd.. Schering Corporation v. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc. and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc. and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc., U.S.D.C. D.N.J., Case No. 3:07-cv-05062-MLC-TJB, filed October 19, 2007.

On November 27, 2007, Schering Corporation filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, alleging infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,100,274 and 6,709,676 by Anchen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Schering Corporation v. Anchen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., U.S.D.C. D.N.J., Case No. 3:07-cv-05649-MLC-TJB, filed November 27, 2007. On November 30, 2007, Schering Corporation filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, alleging infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,100,274 and 6,709,676 by Anchen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Schering Corporation v.. Anchen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., U.S.D.C. C.D.C.A., Case No. 2:07-cv-07840-DSF-JTL, filed November 30, 2007.

The present application does not claim priority to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,100,274, 6,979,463 or 6,709,676. However, U.S. Patent No. 6,100,274 provided the basis for the rejection in the Final Office Action that was appealed in this application.

Insofar as Applicants are aware, there are no other prior or pending appeals, interferences, or judicial proceedings that may be related to, will directly affect or will be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in this appeal.

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